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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Lack of Unity Requirement

Claims 1-20 are drawn to more than one inventive concept (as defined by PCT Rule 13), and accordingly, a restriction is required according to the provision of PCT Rule 13.2.

PCT Rule 13.2 states that the international application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (requirement of unity of invention).

PCT Rule 13.2 states that unity of invention referred to in Rule 13.1 shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features.

Annex B, Part 1(b), provides that “special technical features” mean those technical features, which, as a whole, define a contribution over the prior art.

Annex B, Part 1 (e), provides combinations of different categories of claims and states:

“The method for determining unity of invention under Rule 13 shall be construed as permitting, in particular, the inclusion of any one of the following combinations of claims of different categories in the same international application:

- (i) in addition to an independent claim for a given product, an independent claim for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an independent claim for a use of the said product, or
- (ii) in addition to an independent claim for a given process, an independent claim for an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process, or
- (iii) in addition to an independent claim for a given product, an independent claim for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an independent claim for an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process, . . .”

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This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in response to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

I. Claims 1-8, are drawn to a first process of preparing compounds of Formula I, depicted in claim 1, variously classified in several subclasses of class 548.

II. Claims 9-13, are drawn to second method of preparing compounds of Formula I, depicted in claim 1, variously classified in several subclasses of class 548.

III. Claims 14-16, are drawn to intermediate compounds of Formula 2, depicted in claim 14, variously classified in several subclasses of class 558.

IV. Claims 17 and 18, are drawn to a process of preparing compounds of Formula 2, depicted in claim 17, variously classified in several subclasses of class 558.

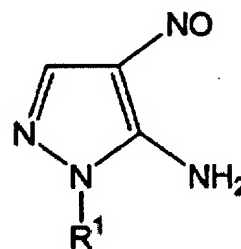
V. Claim 19, is drawn to intermediate compounds of Formula 5, depicted in claim 19, variously classified in several subclasses of class 558.

VI. Claim 20, is drawn to a process of preparing intermediate compounds of Formula 5, depicted in claim 20, variously classified in several subclasses of class 558.

The inventions listed as Groups I and VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: they do not share the same essential structural element(s) that define the "special technical feature" necessary to specify a contribution over the prior art.

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Invention Groups I and II are directed to two distinct methods of preparing compounds of



Formula 1. The structural moiety common to Groups I and II is , which is known in the art (see JP 1-190668) and therefore, cannot be said the special technical feature, which makes a contribution over the prior art. All the reagents used in the reaction differ structurally from one another. Thus, these claims lack the corresponding special technical feature(s) necessary to link them together to fulfill the Unity of invention requirement.

The inventions of Group III and V are distinct, each from the other, because they differ in structure and/or element so as to be patentably distinct and a prior art reference anticipating but one of the groups would not render obvious the other groups under 35 U.S.C. 103.

The inventions of Group IV and VI are distinct, each from the other, because they are directed to processes of preparing distinct compounds that differ in structure and/or element so as to be patentably distinct and a prior art reference anticipating but one of the groups would not render obvious the other groups under 35 U.S.C. 103.

If applicants elect a product and it is found allowable then the process of making the product will be examined along with the elected invention commensurate in scope therewith.

A telephone call was made to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamal A Saeed whose telephone number is (571) 272-0705. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:00 AM- 5:30 PM.

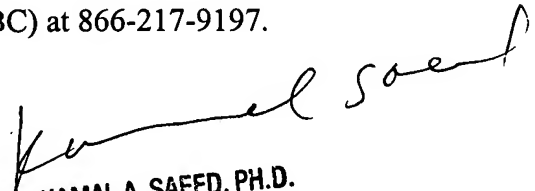
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. **The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300. Please note this is the central FAX number for all official correspondence.**

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